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AT A DEMONSTRATION ON RADIATION, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY AN IRRADIATED SPIDER FROM WHICH HE GAINED THE ARACHNID'S INCREDIBLE ABILITIES. WHEN A BURGLAR KILLED HIS BELOVED UNCLE BEN, A GRIEF-STRICKEN PETER VOWED TO USE HIS GREAT POWERS IN THE SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW MAN, BECAUSE HE LEARNED AN INVALUABLE LESSON: WITH GREAT POWER MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. STAN LEE PRESENTS:

# THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

## GOOD INTENTIONS

WELL?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



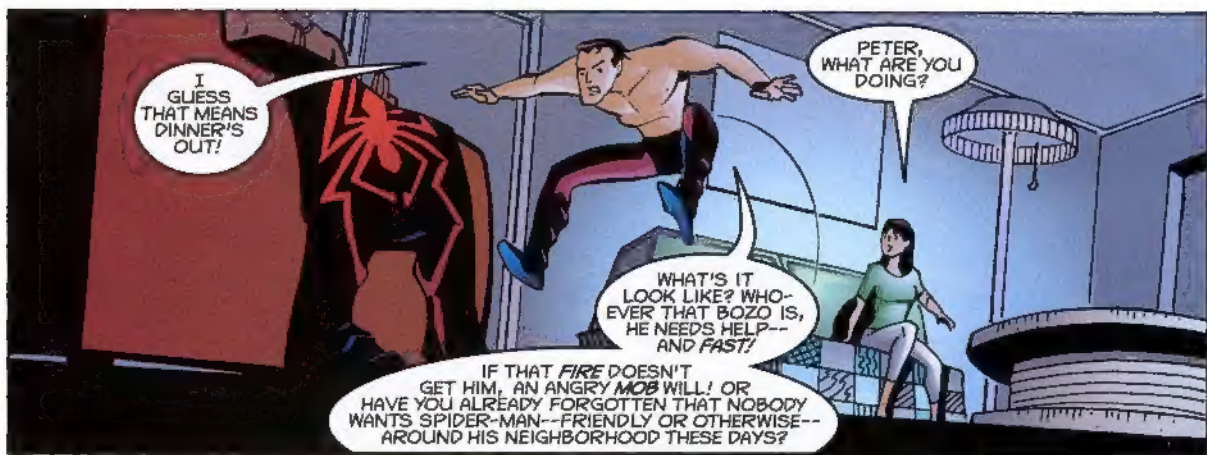
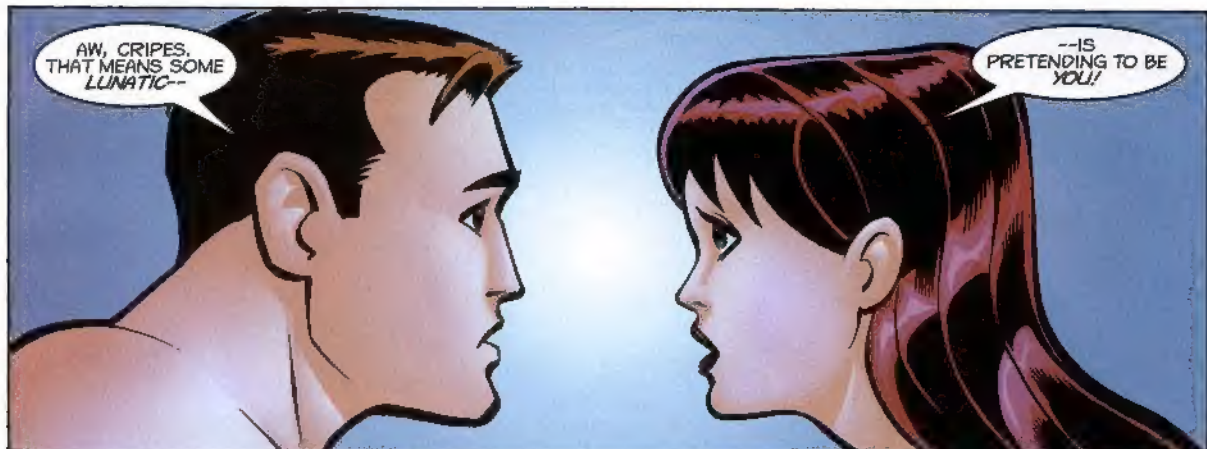
















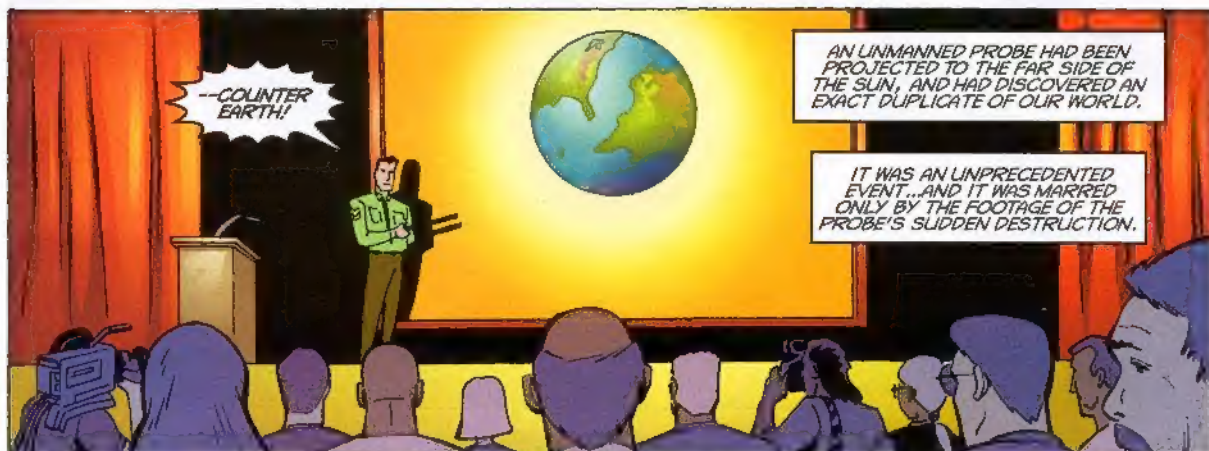




THAT WAS PROBABLY THE WRONG THING TO SAY.

MARY JANE'S BEEN GREAT ABOUT THIS SO FAR, BUT I CAN TELL SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT.

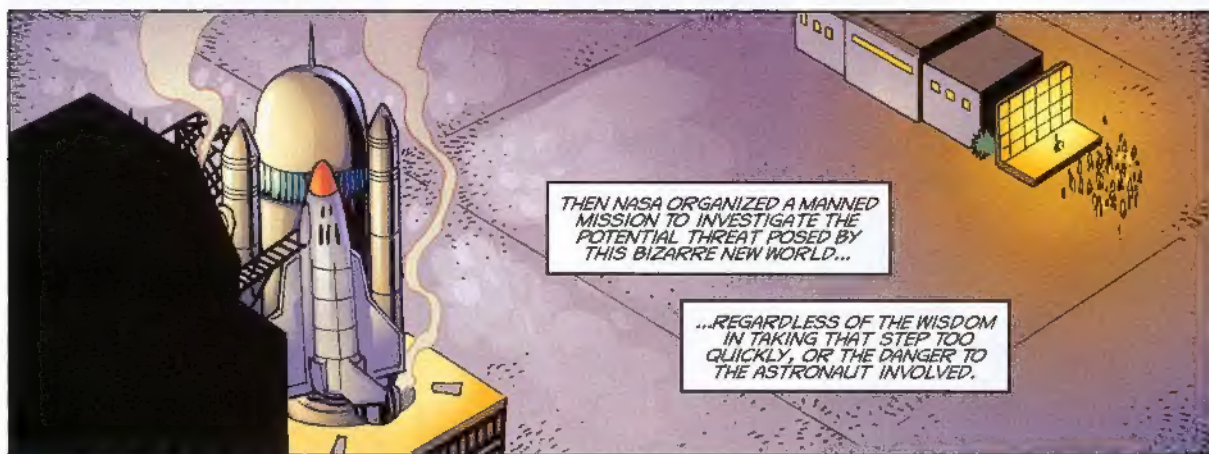
I JUST WISH IT DIDN'T HAVE TO COME TO THIS...WISH I'D NEVER EVEN HEARD OF...



--COUNTER EARTH!

AN UNMANNED PROBE HAD BEEN PROJECTED TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE SUN, AND HAD DISCOVERED AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF OUR WORLD.

IT WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED EVENT...AND IT WAS MARKED ONLY BY THE FOOTAGE OF THE PROBE'S SUDDEN DESTRUCTION.



THEN NASA ORGANIZED A MANNED MISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL THREAT POSED BY THIS BIZARRE NEW WORLD...

...REGARDLESS OF THE WISDOM IN TAKING THAT STEP TOO QUICKLY, OR THE DANGER TO THE ASTRONAUT INVOLVED.



THAT ASTRONAUT WAS JOHN JAMESON, THE SON OF MY BOSS, DAILY BUGLE PUBLISHER J. JONAH JAMESON, AND A FRIEND OF MINE.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT--NOT ONLY IS MY BOY A GENUINE HERO...

...BUT MARK MY WORDS, COME ELECTION TIME--YOU'LL ALL BE ENDORSING HIM FOR PRESIDENT!

JONAH HAD BROUGHT ME ALONG TO COVER THE LAUNCH FOR THE BUGLE. I'D NEVER SEEN HIM SO PROUD.



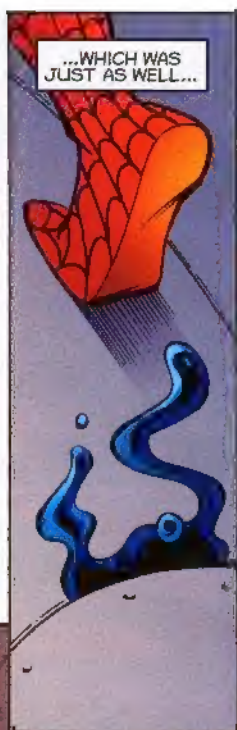


...WHICH WAS WHY I DECIDED TO DO SOME IMPROMPTU *MOONLIGHTING* ON MY OTHER JOB WHEN I SPOTTED SOMETHING FRIGHTENINGLY FAMILIAR NEAR THE LAUNCH SITE!

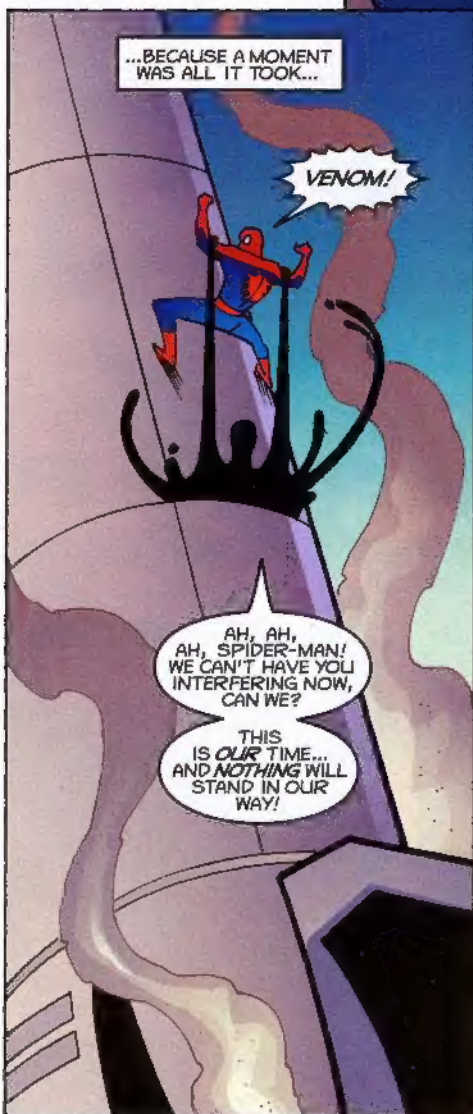


THE FINAL COUNTDOWN HAD ALREADY BEGUN... I KNEW I HAD ONLY MOMENTS TO ACT...

T-MINUS FIVE... FOUR... THREE...



...WHICH WAS JUST AS WELL...



...BECAUSE A MOMENT WAS ALL IT TOOK...

VENOM!

AH, AH, AH, SPIDER-MAN! WE CAN'T HAVE YOU INTERFERING NOW, CAN WE?

THIS IS OUR TIME... AND NOTHING WILL STAND IN OUR WAY!



...FOR EVERYTHING TO GO VERY, VERY WRONG!

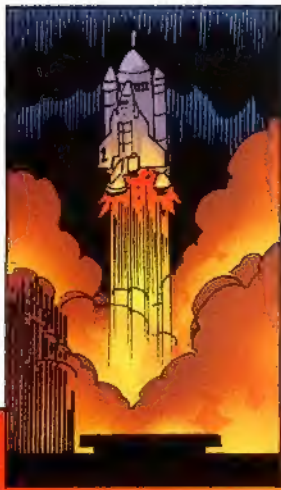
BROCK, YOU IDIOT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THIS SHUTTLE--

IS TAKING OFF! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND!

THIS WORLD HOLDS NOTHING FOR US NOW! OUR DESTINY LIES WITH OUR FELLOW SYMBIOTES ON COUNTER-EARTH!

BARROOOOM









COMMUNICATION WITH JAMESON FROM ABOARD THE SHUTTLE REVEALED THAT SOMETHING HAD BROKEN INTO THE COCKPIT FROM THE CARGO BAY.

THIS TIME THAT WEB-HEADED MENACE HAS GONE TOO FAR!

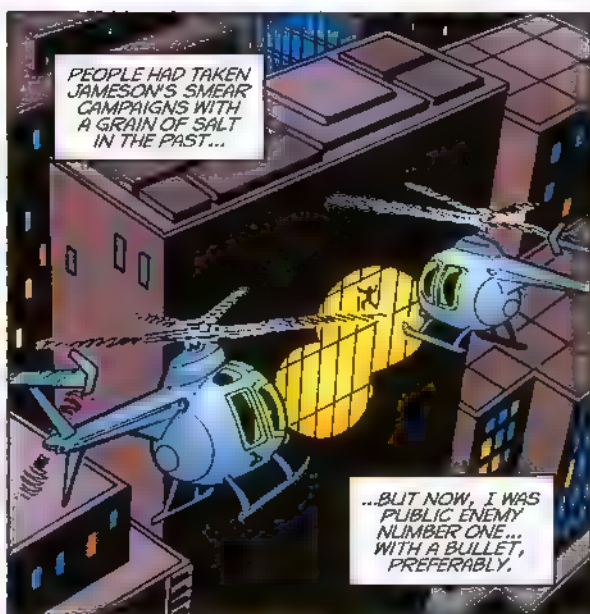
AFTER THAT... NOTHING. I WAS MORTIFIED...WE ALL WERE.

JONAH REACTED AS ALMOST ANY GRIEF-STRICKEN PARENT WOULD UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES...

...EXCEPT FOR THE SMALL MATTER OF A TEN MILLION DOLLAR REWARD OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO MY CAPTURE.



ALMOST OVERNIGHT, PUBLIC SENTIMENT SHIFTED ALMOST COMPLETELY AGAINST ME.



PEOPLE HAD TAKEN JAMESON'S SMEAR CAMPAIGNS WITH A GRAIN OF SALT IN THE PAST...

...BUT NOW, I WAS PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE... WITH A BULLET, PREFERABLY.



ATTEMPTS TO CARRY ON AS USUAL--TO HELP-- WERE MET WITH FEAR AND REVULSION.



IT WAS GETTING TO THE POINT THAT I WAS TEMPTED TO TURN MYSELF IN FOR THAT TEN MILLION!





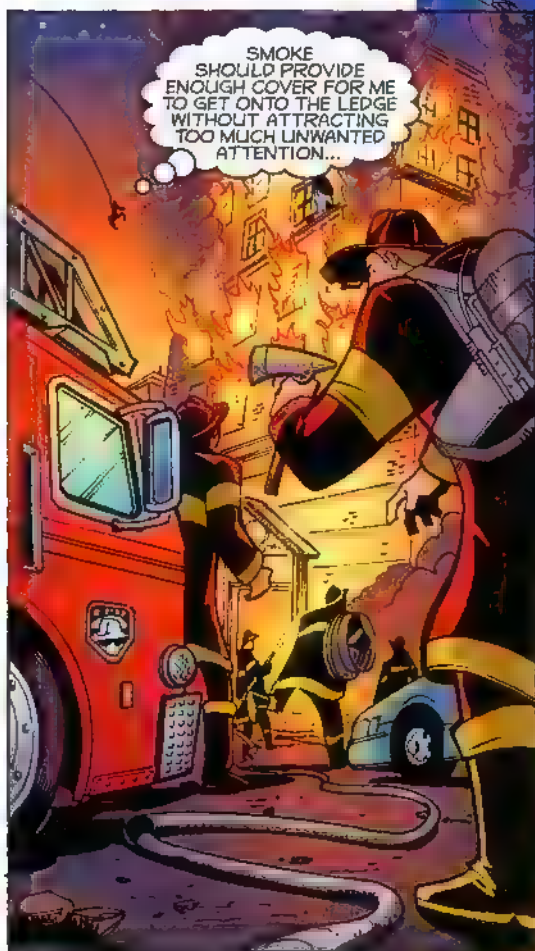
FORTUNATELY,  
I KEPT MY COOL  
IN THE MIDST OF  
ALL THE HEAT.

I *DO* HAVE  
TO WORRY ABOUT  
MORE THAN MY  
OWN PROBLEMS,  
AFTER ALL.



CASE IN POINT: ONE MILDLY  
BEWILDERED SPIDER-MAN  
IMPERSONATOR  
TRAPPED ON THE LEDGE OF  
A BURNING BUILDING.

WHAT IS THIS  
GUY? A GLUTTON  
FOR PUNISHMENT?



SMOKE  
SHOULD PROVIDE  
ENOUGH COVER FOR ME  
TO GET ONTO THE LEDGE  
WITHOUT ATTRACTING  
TOO MUCH UNWANTED  
ATTENTION...

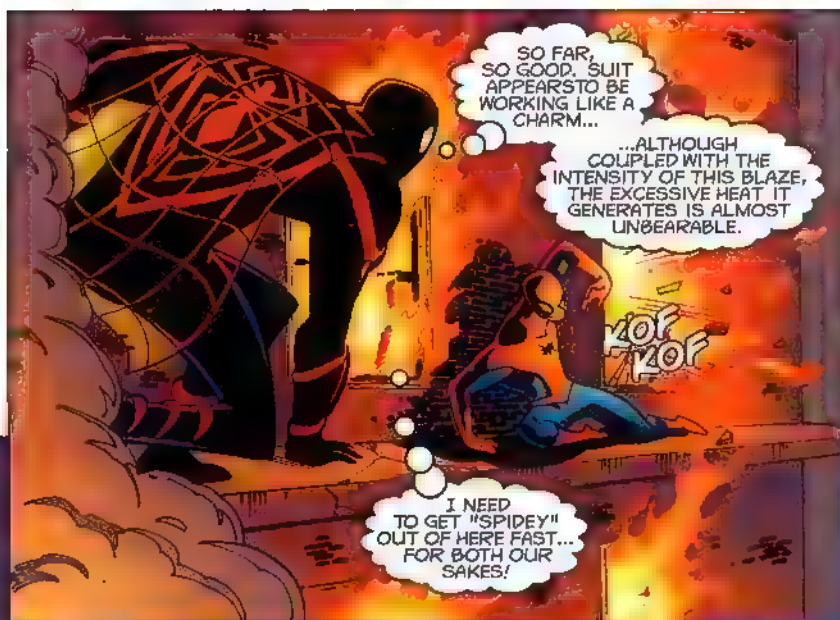


...LEAVING  
THE REST UP TO  
THE NEW *STEALTH*  
FUNCTION DR. RICHARDS  
INCORPORATED INTO  
MY SUIT.

IF EVERYTHING'S  
*WORKING* PROPERLY,  
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
BLEND IN WITH THE SMOKE  
AND SHADOWS ALMOST  
TO THE POINT OF  
INVISIBILITY.

SHOULD  
PROVE *ESPECIALLY*  
USEFUL IF THE BOTTLES  
AND BRICKS BRIGADE  
SHOWS UP LOOKING TO  
COLLECT JAMESON'S  
REWARD...!

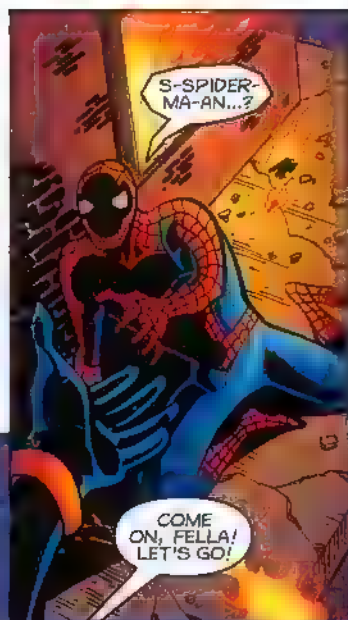




SO FAR,  
SO GOOD. SUIT  
APPEARS TO BE  
WORKING LIKE A  
CHARM...

...ALTHOUGH  
COUPLED WITH THE  
INTENSITY OF THIS BLAZE,  
THE EXCESSIVE HEAT IT  
GENERATES IS ALMOST  
UNBEARABLE.

I NEED  
TO GET "SPIDEY"  
OUT OF HERE FAST...  
FOR BOTH OUR  
SAKES!



S-SPIDER-  
MA-AN...?

COME  
ON, FELLA!  
LET'S GO!



THANKS  
TO MY SUIT'S  
STEALTH CAPABILITIES,  
ANY LOOKY-LOOKS ON THE  
GROUND BELOW SHOULD  
BE MYSTIFIED AS TO HOW  
THIS POOR SLOB WAS  
RESCUED!

WHICH  
IS FINE BY ME,  
SINCE EVERYONE  
THINKS I WAS  
KILLED IN A  
SIMILAR BLAZE  
A FEW WEEKS  
BACK.

I GUESS  
IF I AM SPOTTED,  
JONAH CAN ALWAYS  
GET A FEW COLUMN  
INCHES OUT OF A  
TACKY "GHOST OF  
SPIDER-MAN"  
FEATURE.



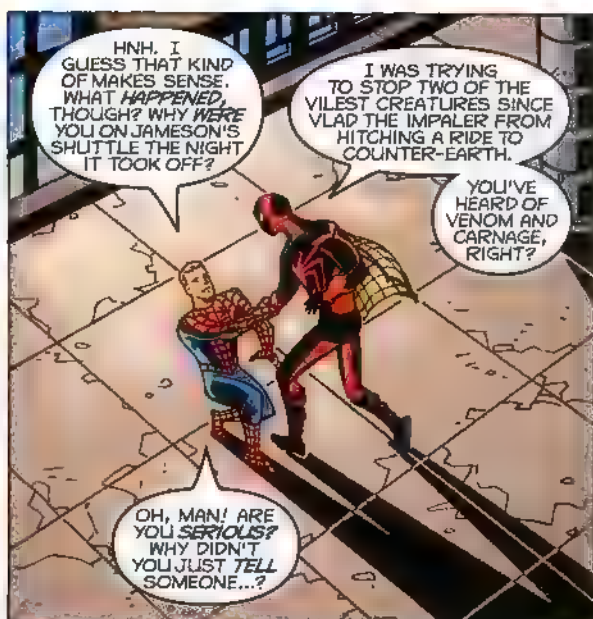






WELL... I REALLY HADN'T INTENDED ON THAT BECOMING THE POPULAR PERCEPTION, BUT SEEING AS HOW BEING A LIVE SPIDER-MAN IS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH THESE DAYS...

...MY WRONGLY PRESUMED DEATH TURNED OUT TO BE A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.



HNH. I GUESS THAT KIND OF MAKES SENSE, WHAT HAPPENED, THOUGH? WHY WERE YOU ON JAMESON'S SHUTTLE THE NIGHT IT TOOK OFF?

I WAS TRYING TO STOP TWO OF THE VILEST CREATURES SINCE VLAD THE IMPALER FROM HITCHING A RIDE TO COUNTER-EARTH.

YOU'VE HEARD OF VENOM AND CARNAGE, RIGHT?

OH, MAN! ARE YOU SERIOUS? WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL SOMEONE...?



IT WOULDN'T HAVE MADE ANY DIFFERENCE, FLASH. AND ULTIMATELY, MY FAILURE TO STOP VENOM AND CARNAGE MAKES ME AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED.

FORTUNATELY, JOHN JAMESON IS STILL ALIVE...

RIGHT... I'D HEARD ON THE NEWS THAT HE MADE IT TO COUNTER-EARTH.

HE'S STRANDED THERE, THOUGH...



WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING--

I HAVE TO GO AFTER HIM, FLASH. IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN MAKE UP FOR WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT!

BUT THEY'RE ALREADY PLANNING A RESCUE MISSION. JAMESON WILL BE BACK HERE IN NO TIME-- HE'LL TELL EVERYONE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!



I CAN'T LET SOMEONE ELSE RISK HIS LIVE TO SAVE SOMEONE I PLACED IN DANGER, FLASH. THIS IS MY RESPONSIBILITY.

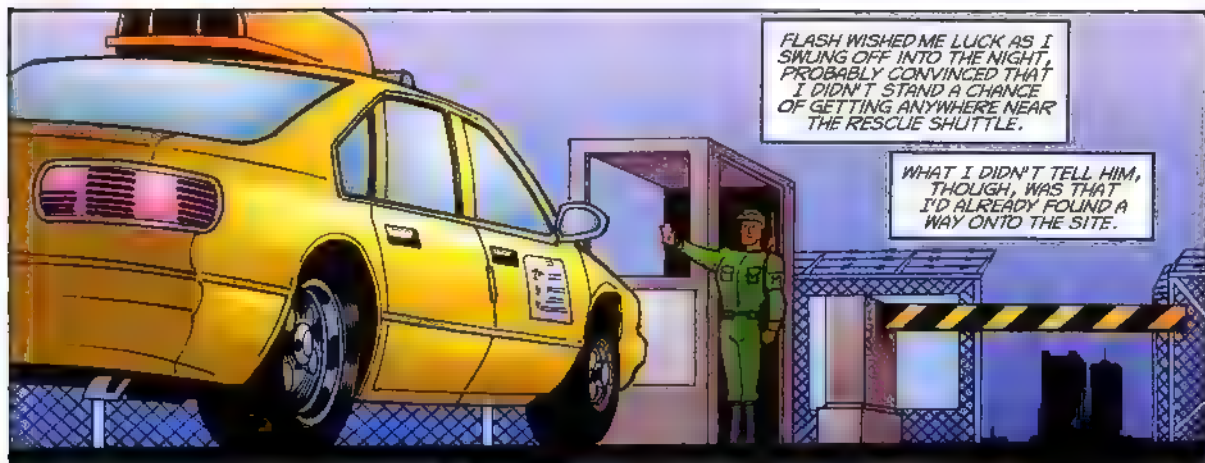
AND IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG... IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE WILL MISS ME.



THE WORLD THINKS SPIDER-MAN IS DEAD, FLASH, AND UNTIL I CAN BRING JOHN JAMESON SAFELY BACK TO EARTH...

...MAYBE THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE!





FLASH WISHED ME LUCK AS I SWUNG OFF INTO THE NIGHT, PROBABLY CONVINCED THAT I DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE OF GETTING ANYWHERE NEAR THE RESCUE SHUTTLE.

WHAT I DIDN'T TELL HIM, THOUGH, WAS THAT I'D ALREADY FOUND A WAY ONTO THE SITE.



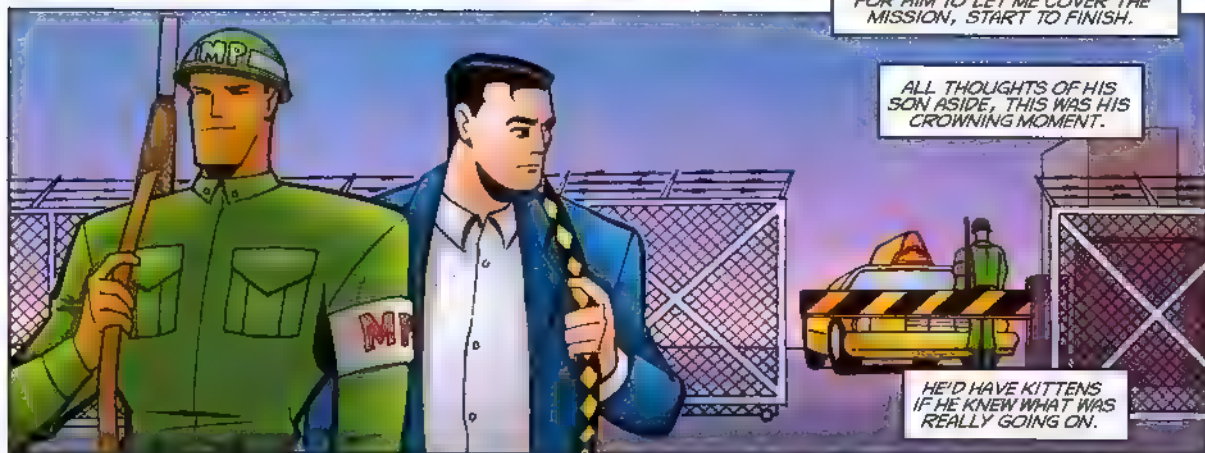
IRONICALLY ENOUGH, IT WAS JOLLY JONAH WHO OPENED THE DOOR FOR ME.

THE MINUTE HE HEARD JOHN WAS ALIVE, HE WAS RIGHT THERE WITH THE CASH TO AID IN FUNDING THE RESCUE MISSION.

JONAH WAS GOING TO BE THE HERO NOW.

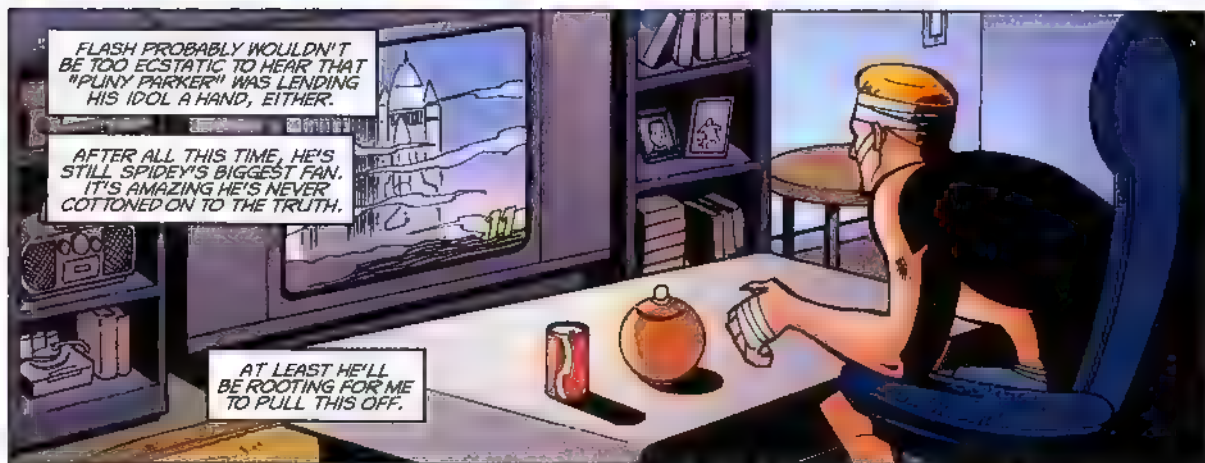
AS BAD AS I FELT FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHN, IT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT J.J.J. WAS GOING THROUGH.

IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH CONVINCING FOR HIM TO LET ME COVER THE MISSION, START TO FINISH.



ALL THOUGHTS OF HIS SON ASIDE, THIS WAS HIS CROWNING MOMENT.

HE'D HAVE KITTENS IF HE KNEW WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON.

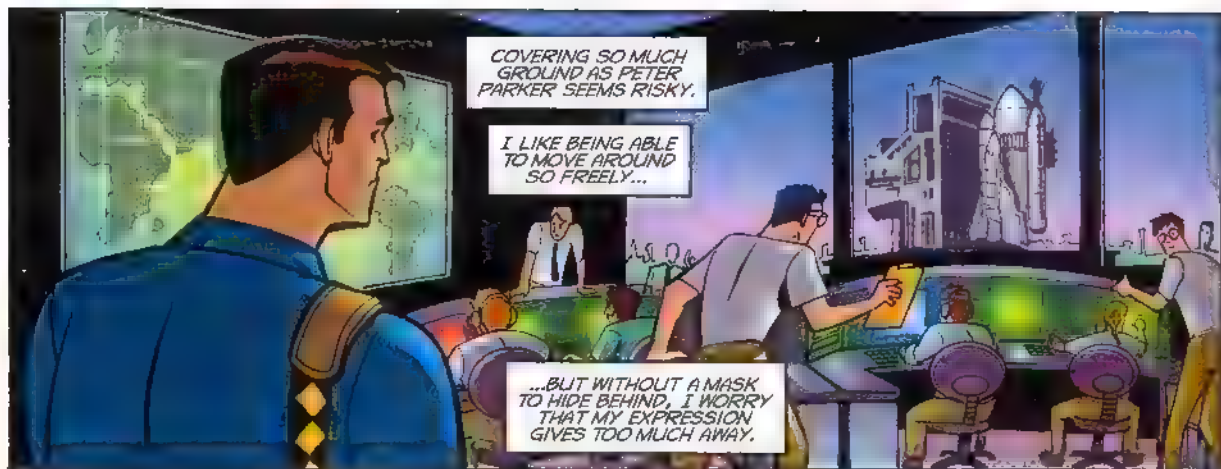


FLASH PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE TOO ECSTATIC TO HEAR THAT "PUNY PARKER" WAS LENDING HIS IDOL A HAND, EITHER.

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, HE'S STILL SPIDEY'S BIGGEST FAN. IT'S AMAZING HE'S NEVER COTTIONED ON TO THE TRUTH.

AT LEAST HE'LL BE ROOTING FOR ME TO PULL THIS OFF.

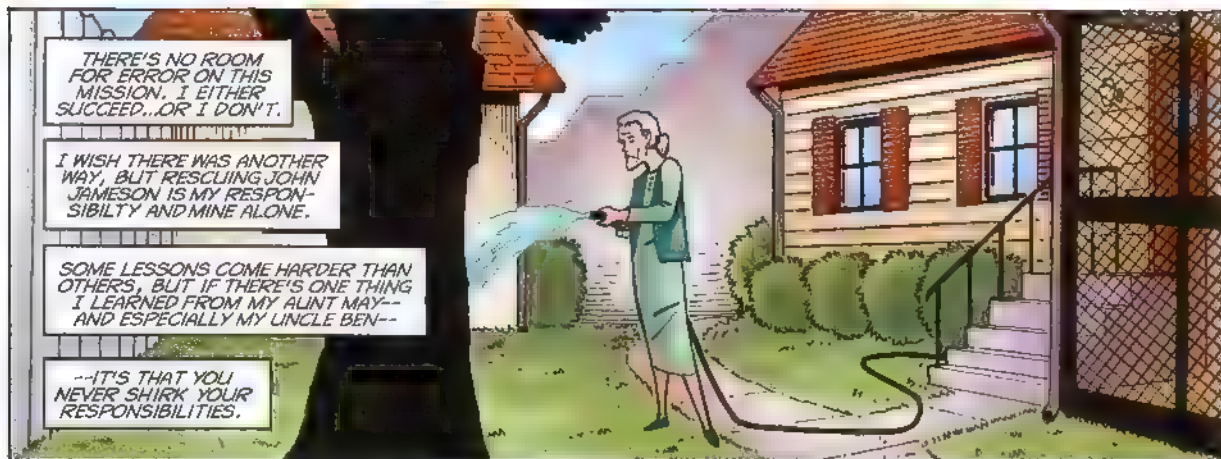




COVERING SO MUCH GROUND AS PETER PARKER SEEMS RISKY.

I LIKE BEING ABLE TO MOVE AROUND SO FREELY...

...BUT WITHOUT A MASK TO HIDE BEHIND, I WORRY THAT MY EXPRESSION GIVES TOO MUCH AWAY.



THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ERROR ON THIS MISSION. I EITHER SUCCEED...OR I DON'T.

I WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY, BUT RESCUING JOHN JAMESON IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AND MINE ALONE.

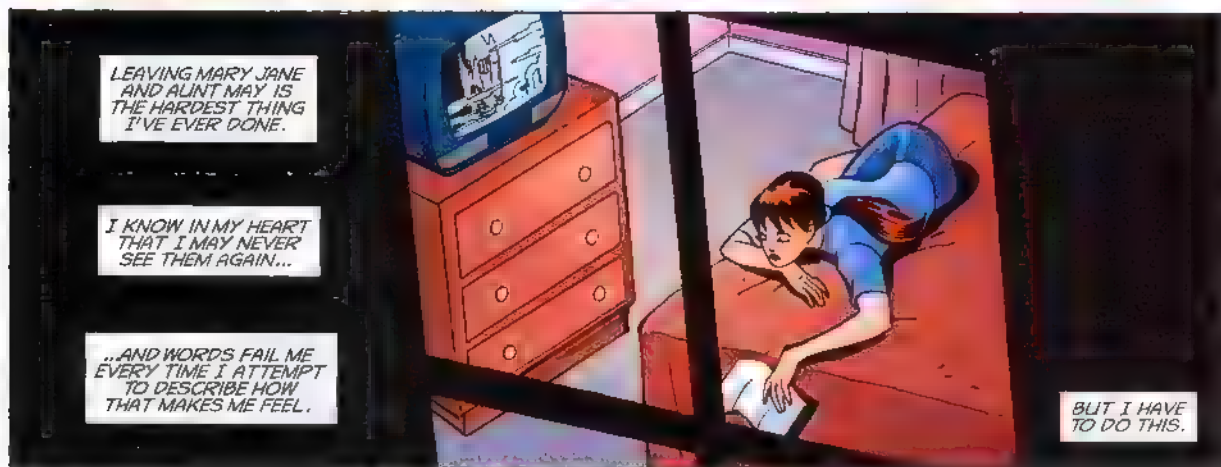
SOME LESSONS COME HARDER THAN OTHERS, BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING I LEARNED FROM MY AUNT MAY-- AND ESPECIALLY MY UNCLE BEN--

--IT'S THAT YOU NEVER SHIRK YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.



I WONDER WHAT THEY'D SAY, THOUGH, IF THEY KNEW I WAS LIVING UP TO MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS SPIDER-MAN...

...BY SHRUGGING OFF MY ENTIRE EXISTENCE AS PETER PARKER?



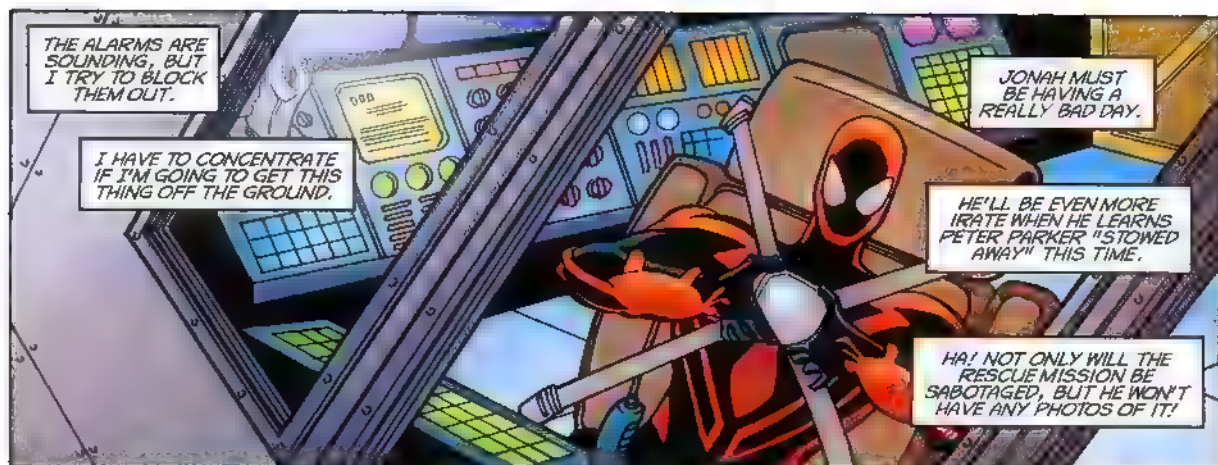
LEAVING MARY JANE AND AUNT MAY IS THE HARDEST THING I'VE EVER DONE.

I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT I MAY NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN...

...AND WORDS FAIL ME EVERY TIME I ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE HOW THAT MAKES ME FEEL.

BUT I HAVE TO DO THIS.





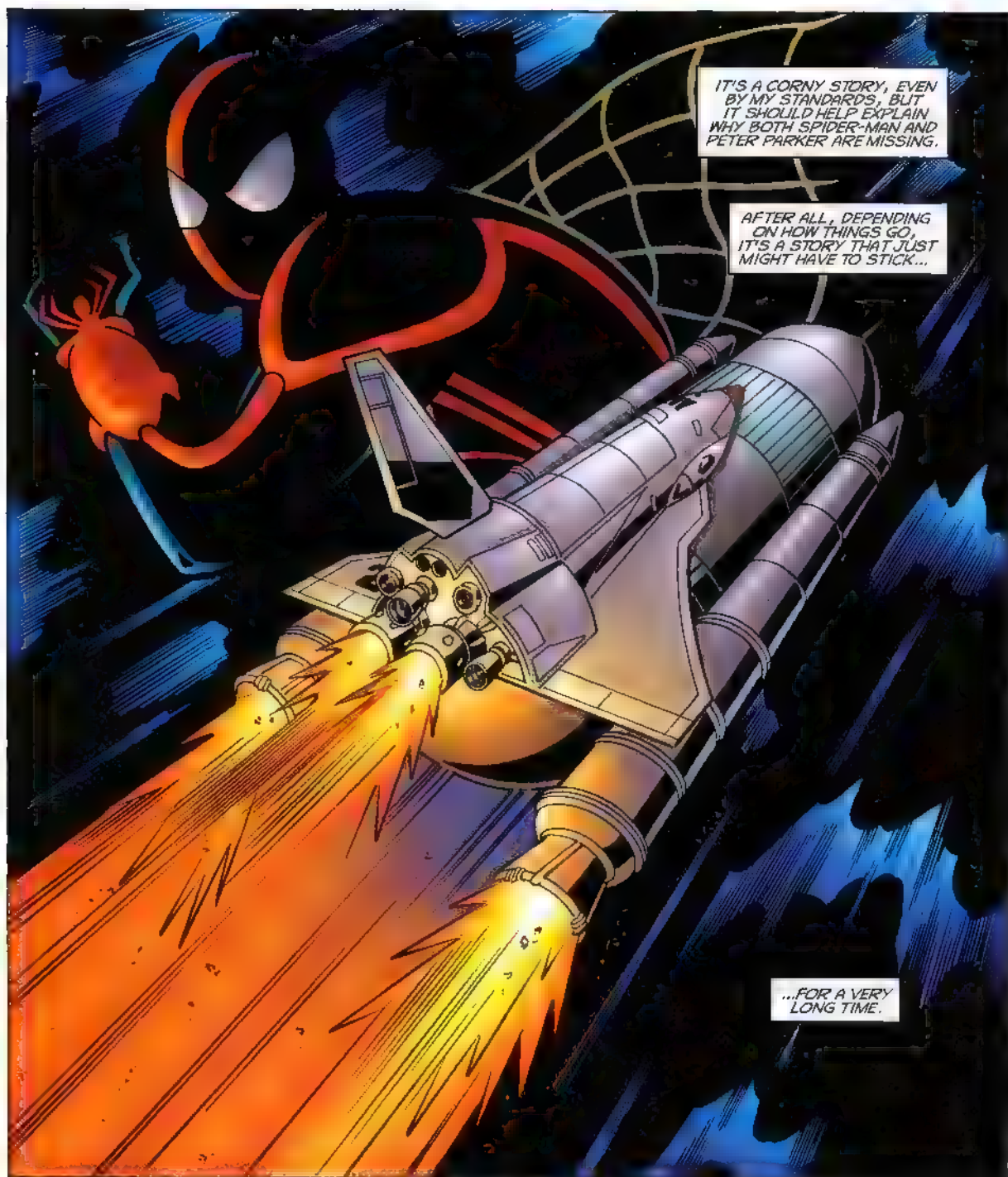
THE ALARMS ARE SOUNDING, BUT I TRY TO BLOCK THEM OUT.

I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE IF I'M GOING TO GET THIS THING OFF THE GROUND.

JONAH MUST BE HAVING A REALLY BAD DAY.

HE'LL BE EVEN MORE IRATE WHEN HE LEARNS PETER PARKER "STOWED AWAY" THIS TIME.

HA! NOT ONLY WILL THE RESCUE MISSION BE SABOTAGED, BUT HE WON'T HAVE ANY PHOTOS OF IT!



IT'S A CORNY STORY, EVEN BY MY STANDARDS, BUT IT SHOULD HELP EXPLAIN WHY BOTH SPIDER-MAN AND PETER PARKER ARE MISSING.

AFTER ALL, DEPENDING ON HOW THINGS GO, IT'S A STORY THAT JUST MIGHT HAVE TO STICK...

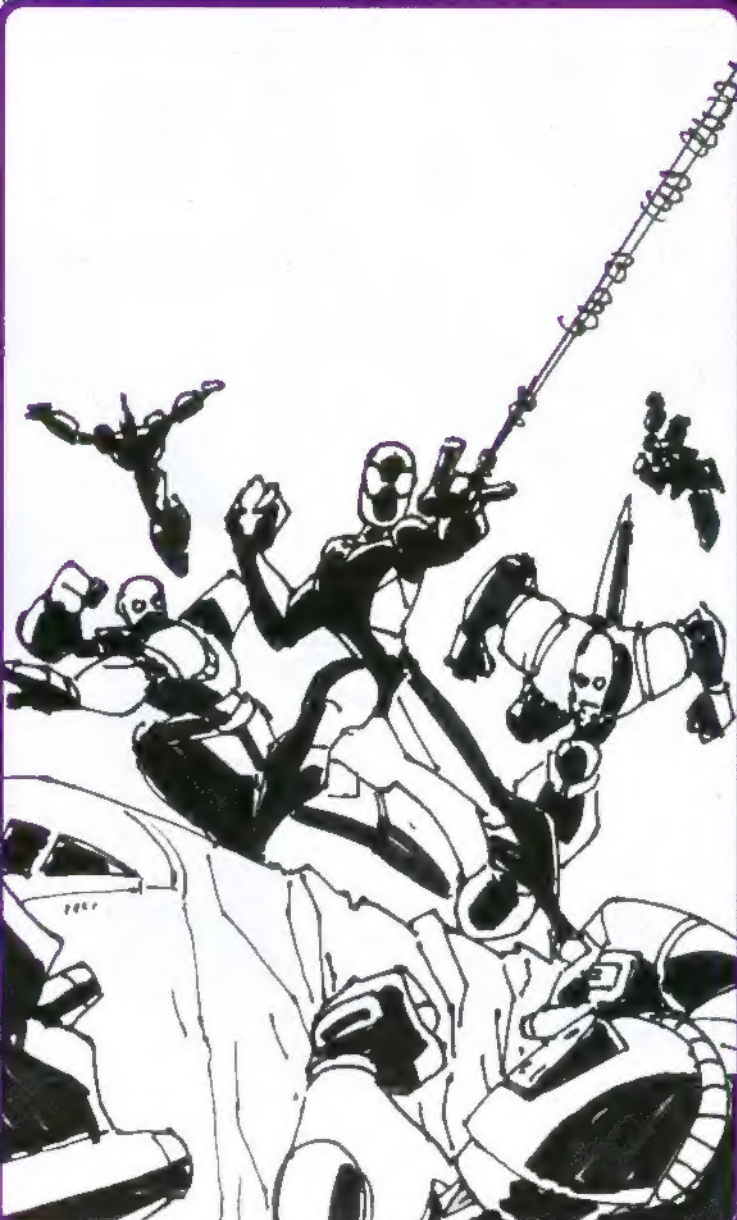
...FOR A VERY LONG TIME.



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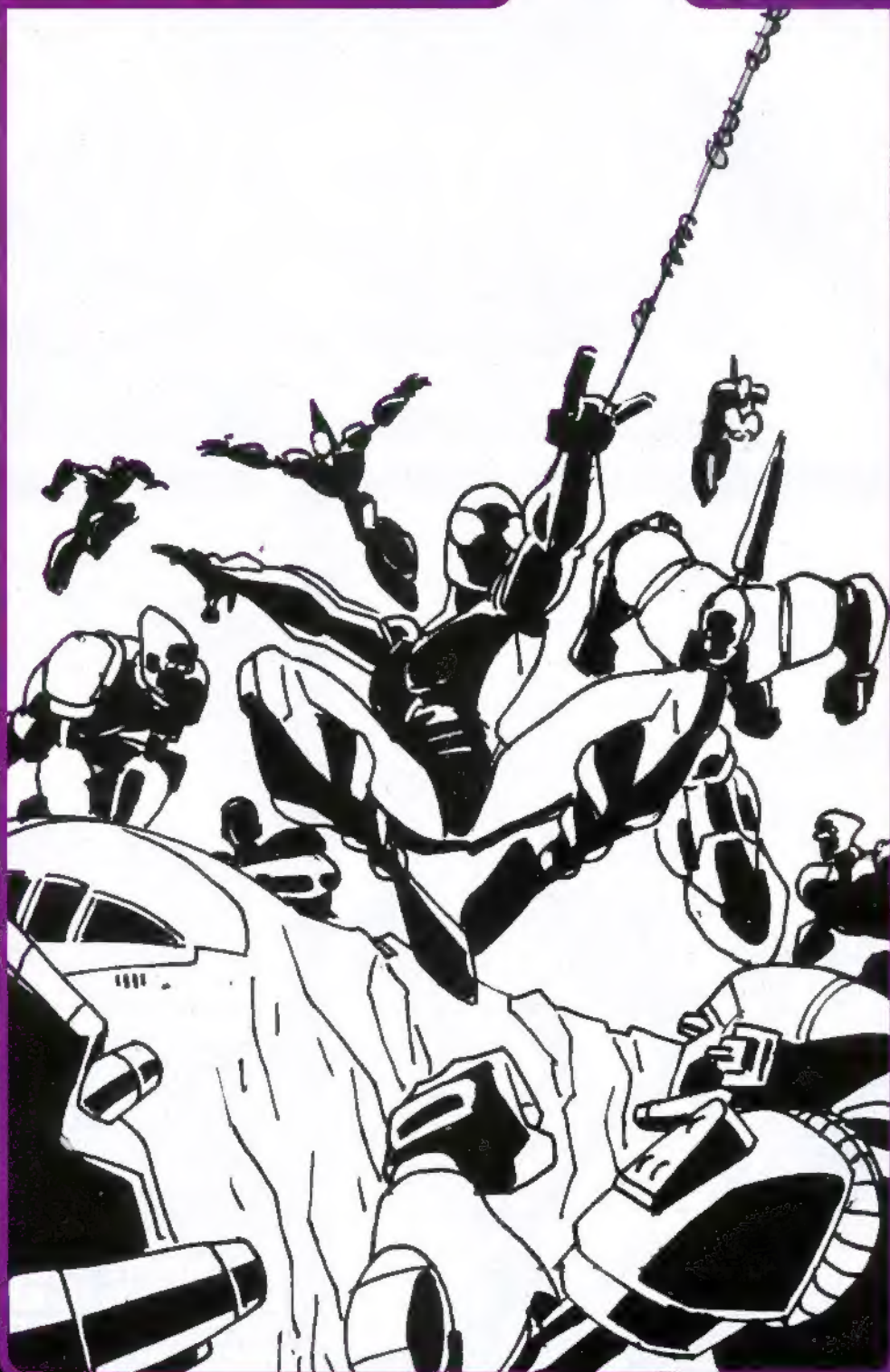
**THE TOP RIGHT IS MY ORIGINAL TINY DOODLE FOR A COVER. THEY DECIDED TO HAVE SPIDEY SWINGING TOWARD THE READER INSTEAD. AT THE LOWER RIGHT IS MY FIRST SWINGING POSE.**

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**THIS IS MY FINAL ROUGH FOR THE  
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THIS SKETCH WAS DONE BEFORE I KNEW THE STORY OR WHAT THEY WANTED ON THE COVER. SO I WAS JUST TRYING FOR A SIMPLE, STRIKING VISUAL OF THE NEW COSTUME.





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THIS IS ANOTHER VISUAL SO I  
COULD TRY AND GET A FEEL FOR  
THE COSTUME WITH SOME OF  
THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY'S  
TECHNOLOGY.

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